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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL BIO DATE ON PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION

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1. DEPT MAY FIND USEFUL FOLLOWING BIO INFORMATION
AND/OR COMMENTS ABOUT MEMBERS OF PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION
OTHER THAN THOSE MENTIONED PARA 1 REFTTEL:

A. PATRICK J. CHISANGA, SECRETARY TO THE CABINET SINCE
AUGUST 1973. FORMERLY SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THEN SECRETARY GENERAL
OF UNIP (MAINZA CHONA) FOR CONTINGENCY DUTIES. RECEIVED TRAINING
AT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SCHOOL, TORQUAY, UK. HAS SERVED IN
GOVT POSTS SINCE BEFORE INDEPENDENCE WHEN HE WAS ASST DISTRICT
OFFICER. BECAME UNDER SECY IN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IN 1964,
MINES AND COOPERATIVES IN 1966, ACTING PERM SECY OFFICE OF
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING IN 1966, UNDER SECY IN
MINISTRY OF COOPERATIVES, YOUTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN 1967,
PERM SECY OF POWER, TRANSPORT AND WORKS IN 1969. REGARDED AS
VERY INTELLIGENT AND CAPABLE, CHISANGA IS BEMBA IN ABOUT MID-
FORTIES, ACTIVE ROMAN CATHOLIC, MARRIED, THREE CHILDREN,
GENERALLY FRIENDLY TOWARD AMERICANS, BUT HARDLY OPEN OR
FORTHCOMING EXCEPT IN VERY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

B. MOSES M. BELEMU, SENIOR PRESS SECRETARY TO THE
PRESIDENT. AGE 37. JOINED NORTHERN RHODESIA INFORMATION
SERVICE (LATER ZAMBIA INFORMATION SERVICE) IN 1963 AND SERVED
AS PROVINCIAL INFORMATION OFFICER IN VARIOUS PARTS OF ZAMBIA
AND IN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION IN LUSAKA. SECONDED TO PRESENT
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POST IN STATE HOUSE IN 1970. CONSIDERED ABLE AND HELPFUL IN

HIS WORK WITH LOCAL PRESS.

C. L.E. KAWESHA, UNDER SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FINANCE. OUR FILES SHOW KAWESHA AS HAVING BEEN ASST SECY IN MINISTRY OF LANDS AND MINES IN 1966-67 WHEN HE ATTENDED FIFTH WORLD CONGRESS ON PREVENTION OF OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS AND DISEASES IN ZAGREB (JULY 1967). NO OTHER INFO AVAILABLE.

D. DR. HENRY MEEBELO, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, UNIP HEADQUARTERS. MEEBELO WAS LONG-TIME MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICER, SERVING AS ASST SECY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN 1967. LATER HE WAS WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STAFF AND IN 1970 MOVED TO MINISTRY OF NATIONAL GUIDANCE AS ASST SECY, THEN PERM SECY. IN APRIL 1973 HE WAS APPOINTED PERM SECY AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNTIL REPLACED BY MASANINGA IN 1974. DID PHD THESIS, PROBABLY FOR UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA, ON AFRICAN REACTIONS TO, AND PROTESTS AGAINST, COLONIAL RULE IN ZAMBIA'S NORTHERN PROVINCE UP TO 1939. AGE: IN MID-THIRTIES. NATURE OF HIS RESEARCH RESPONSIBILITIES AT FREEDOM HOUSE IS NOT KNOWN.

E. ALICK T. MPENGULA, DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SERVED AT ZAMBIAN EMBASSIES IN BONN, MALAWI AND IN 1973-74 AS CONSUL GENERAL IN LUBUMBASHI. HAS NOT BEEN ENERGETIC, WELL-INFORMED, OR VERY EFFECTIVE IN PRESENT POSITION WHICH INVOLVES ZAMBIAN RELATIONS WITH ENTIRE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. FRIENDLY, RELAXED MANNER, BUT NOT TOO HELPFUL TO EMBASSY, WHICH NORMALLY DEALS WITH HIS SUPERIORS ON MATTERS OF ANY IMPORTANCE. ABOUT FORTY YEARS OLD, FROM FAMILY IN COPPERBELT PROVINCE.

F. DR. PAUL CHUKE, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND PERSONAL PHYSICIAN TO PRESIDENT. CHUKE IS NIGERIAN NATIONAL WHO OCCUPIES KEY POST IN MINISTRY. HAS ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT ON OTHER FOREIGN VISITS, MOST NOTABLY THAT LAST FALL TO EASTERN EUROPE AND USSR. HE IS CHARMING, OUTGOING, AMBITIOUS IBO WHO HAS MAINTAINED FRIENDLY TIES WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AND HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO US ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. WIFE LILY IS CURRENTLY NURSING STUDENT IN LONDON. WILKOWSKI

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